

REMARKS

Upon entry of this preliminary amendment, claims 1-61 are pending in the application.

Applicant has amended claims 5-10, 23, 24, 33-38, 40-42, and 50-57 to eliminate improper multiple dependencies. These changes do not introduce any new matter.

Applicant respectfully requests examination on the merits for claims 1-61. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at **(408) 749-6902**.

If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. HOSOP002).

Respectfully submitted,
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